

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 47

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Energy and Environment and Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 47 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO PROTECT OHIA AND OTHER MYRTACEAE FAMILY PLANTS FROM THE DESTRUCTIVE RUST FUNGUS, *PUCCINIA PSIDII*,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and United States Department of Agriculture to take administrative actions to protect ōhia and other *Myrtaceae* family plants from the destructive rust fungus, *Puccinia psidii*.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, and Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species.

Your Committees find that approximately eighty percent of the native forest in Hawaii is comprised of ōhia, which is an ecologically, culturally, and economically important plant species. Although the single, distinct strain of *Puccinia psidii* established in Hawaii has not severely affected ōhia, scientific analysis has shown that other strains of *Puccinia psidii* known to exist in other locations can have a particularly virulent impact on ōhia plants. A recent economic analysis revealed that the




local Eucalyptus industry and nursery industry in Hawaii could be substantially damaged by the introduction of additional *Puccinia psidii* strains. If even one more genetic strain reaches Hawaii, the results could be devastating to the structure, composition, and function of native forests as well as to the horticultural and agricultural industries that involve *Myrtaceae* plants.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 47, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Environment and Agriculture,


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
IHARA, Jr., Les				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SLOM, Sam				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
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